



REV. DR. R. P. KERR.

SIXTEEN YEARS OF GOOD SERVICE

Rev. Dr. R. P. Kerr to Celebrate His Anniversary To-Day.

HISTORY OF CONGREGATION.

The Pastor Will Preach an Interesting Sermon Giving a Sketch of Presbyterianism in and Around Richmond.

An interesting event in church circles will be the celebration to-day of the sixteenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Robert P. Kerr, of the First Presbyterian church. Just sixteen years ago to-day he was installed by a committee of East Hanover Presbytery, consisting of Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge, who preached the sermon; Rev. W. T. Richardson, D. D., who delivered the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. C. H. Read, D. D., who delivered the charge to the people.

Dr. Kerr will to-day preach a sermon, giving a history of his congregation and of Presbyterianism in Richmond and vicinity for the past sixteen years.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
The First Presbyterian church was organized in 1812, by Rev. John Holt Rice, D. D., who was its first pastor. In 1823 Dr. Rice resigned to organize Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sydney, Va., which institution has recently been moved to this city.

The Rev. Wm. J. Armstrong, D. D., was installed pastor in 1824. Dr. Armstrong was afterwards secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Boston, and was lost by shipwreck in Long Island Sound in 1828.

The Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D., became pastor in 1824, and continued in that office until 1846. During his pastorate, a colony, the Second Presbyterian church, was organized under the pastoral charge of Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D.

In 1847 the Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D., was installed pastor. In 1868 he resigned to take charge of the First church, Nashville, Tenn.

The Rev. Thomas S. Preston, D. D., became pastor in 1868, and continued so until 1882, when he was called to the pastorate of the church in Lexington, Va.

The Rev. Robert Pollock Kerr, D. D., was installed the sixth pastor, February 2, 1884. During his pastorate of sixteen years seven hundred and twenty-one members have been added to the roll of the church, and the new church building has been erected at the corner of Grace and Madison streets.

The whole membership of Westminster went from the First church, and there has not been organized during this time any Presbyterian church in this vicinity that has not received a large quota from the First church, and yet this church is now one of the most flourishing in Virginia. Besides its own work, and contributing largely to the general work of the church, it provides the greater part of the salary of the pastor of Westminster church in this city, and supports entirely the Rev. J. Mercer Blair, as a missionary in China.

REV. DR. KERR.

The following brief sketch of the life and work of Rev. Dr. Robert P. Kerr, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was prepared for The Times by Dr. Kerr's warm personal friend, Rev. William S. Campbell:

Robert Pollock Kerr was born in Greensboro, Ala., on July 19, 1850. His parents were John Poole Kerr, who was born in Sunbury, Scotland, and Mrs. Howard Webb Kerr, of Greenville county, North Carolina. They were both converted Christians, members of the Presbyterian church, who trained their children for the service of God.

John Robert, who was the youngest of eight children, was six years old when his father moved with his family to Dubuque, Iowa, where they resided for two years, and there the head of the household died in 1865. They then returned South, and had their home first in Arkansas and afterwards in Missouri.

The subject of this sketch received his education at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., from which he graduated in 1869. He pursued his theological studies at Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sydney, Va., completing the course and graduating in 1872.

His first pastorate was in Lexington, Va. He was then pastor successively of

the church at Thomasville, Ga.; the Independent Presbyterian church, Savannah, Ga.; and Tabb-Street church, Petersburg, Va.

PASTOR IN RICHMOND.

Since February 3, 1884, he has been pastor of the First church, Richmond, Va. During this period the church has grown constantly in membership and influence, and has sent off a colony of eighty members to form what is known as Westminster church, besides contributing of its membership to other organizations. The First church was never in a better condition nor more thoroughly organized than at present.

In 1872 Dr. Kerr was married to Miss Ellen T. Webb, of Nashville, Tenn., who has proven to be a helpmeet for him, indeed, a true handmaiden of the Lord.

He received the degree of doctor of divinity in 1887 from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. As an author Dr. Kerr has done yeoman's service for the cause of Christ and the Presbyterian church. His published works are: "Presbyterianism for the People," "The History of Presbyterianism in All Ages," "The Voice of God in History—A History of Christianity," "Land of Holy Light—or Travels in Bible Lands," "Hymns of the Ages," and a number of useful pamphlets.

AS A PREACHER.

As a preacher Dr. Kerr is direct and forceful in style, with an eloquence in delivery that comes from a heart filled with the truth and with the love of the truth and of his fellow men.

As a pastor he wins the love, not only of his own people, but of all with whom he comes in contact, by his uniform Christian courtesy and cordiality, and the deep interest he manifests in all that concerns others. By his words of timely cheer he helps the discouraged and disheartened.

He has a kindly sympathy he carries comfort to the hearts of the sad and afflicted; by his bright and genial manner he increases the joy of those who rejoice.

So great is his Christian love and so broad-minded is he, that in every child of God he recognizes a brother. And this has enabled him to do much in bringing the members of the various denominations among whom he lives into harmony with each other and in uniting them in many a good work.

AN IMPRESSIVE WRITER.

As an author his style is chaste, simple, pointed and impressive. He has succeeded well in presenting the doctrines and history of the Presbyterian church in popular style, and the continuous circulation of his works is the best evidence that they have taken hold of the people. His "Hymns of the Ages" show his poetical and musical taste to be of a very high order, and his own compositions, musical and poetical, in this popular hymn book, give evidence that he has been greatly favored by the muses.

As a writer for the newspapers he has been equally successful. His articles, especially the notes on his travels, are always interesting and instructive. Some one has said about his letters written to the papers during his travels, that he sees and writes interestingly about what other travellers seem not to see at all.

As a Presbyterian he is faithful and diligent and wise, and is always gladly heard by his brethren and his counsels are honored and appreciated.

Broad in intellect, deep and thorough in learning; catholic in spirit; faithful in all things; may his love long abide in strength to be an honor and a bulwark to the church; a defender of the faith; a herald of the cross.

Heavy Loss.

The loss to the Armistage Manufacturing Company by the destruction of their plant Friday night is several thousand dollars in excess of the insurance. The total loss is between \$14,000 and \$15,000. As published in yesterday morning's Times, the company was insured in the Virginia State Insurance Company for \$10,000. This makes the loss to the company between five thousand dollars and six thousand dollars.

The plant will very likely be rebuilt.

Mrs. Nathaniel Crow.

News was received in Richmond several days ago of the death at her home, in Essex county, of Mrs. Nathaniel Crow, the sister of the late Jacob J. King, of this city. Mrs. Crow died on January 29th.

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THE WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Few Bills of General Interest Have Been Passed.

IMPORTANT MEASURES PENDING.

The Movement Looking to Holding a Constitutional Convention—Great Fight Over Proposed New Richmond Line to Washington.

The Legislature will adjourn in about a month. Two-thirds of the session has been spent. The remaining days will be busy ones.

There has been very little legislation of public interest enacted. Two bills that have attracted much attention have been placed upon the statute-books. One is the Epps measure to require railroad companies to run separate tracks for the white and the black races. This act goes into effect on the first of next July. The Matthews bill requiring steamboat companies to separate the races on steamboats has also become a law.

The other measure referred to which is general in its application is the one enlarging the powers of the State Board of Agriculture and providing for the more thorough inspection of fertilizers.

A number of bills have been passed, making changes in the Code, but the general public has but little interest in them. Many bills have been passed in incorporating companies to transact business, but, as already stated, there has been very little general legislation in the strict acceptance of the term.

MAINTAIN CONSERVATIVE.
This Legislature seems to be a very conservative one. Certainly no radical legislation has as yet been enacted. There are a number of measures in which the public, as a rule, have an interest pending in the Senate or the House or in the committees.

The Parks Employers' liability act has passed the House by a very close vote. Will it be in the Senate? It remains to be seen. A similar measure went through the lower branch at the last session and was defeated in the Senate, notwithstanding the brilliant fight made for it by Senator Matthews and others. The bill passed the House two years ago by a larger majority than it received last Friday.

THE CONVENTION.
Probably the most important measure that will pass the General Assembly will be the Flood joint resolution to submit to the voters on the fourth Thursday in next May the question of calling a constitutional convention. It has been determined to make this a Democratic party issue as far as the action of the Democratic caucus can do so. The Democrats in the General Assembly are pledged to the cause of the convention, and the action of the caucus in making this a party issue. There will have to be a State convention in the spring to elect delegates to the National Democratic Convention. Some of the party leaders have been urging this meeting in the latter part of April in order that it may take action concerning the call for the convention. In other words, it is desirable for the Democratic party to have the action of the caucus in making this a party issue.

AN EXTRA SESSION.
Should the convention scheme carry on the day election, it is probable the Legislature will be convened in extra session at once to make provision for the holding of the convention and the election of delegates to that body. Then there will be a session of the Legislature, and the convention will probably be held in the fall.

The advocates of the convention, as a rule, are anxious that the new constitution be drafted by a body as practical as possible, and that the agitation has begun in earnest.

There are a number of important measures yet to be disposed of. One is Senator Barkeley's bill to prohibit and punish the corrupt use of money in elections. It is not believed this act will pass at this session, but there are quite a number who think it will eventually become a law in this State.

TRAVELING AUDITORS.
Senator Glass' bill providing for traveling auditors to examine the accounts of all officers who are charged with the collection of money for the Commonwealth is yet to be considered. It has very earnest supporters and as far as has developed there is no opposition to the object sought to be attained.

The subject of the whole session will be over the proposition to sell out the State's holdings in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road, and grant a charter to a company to build a public and private highway. The matter will be considered by the Senate Committee on Roads next Tuesday afternoon. There are many who advocate a rival line, but, on the other hand, there is strong opposition to the State's disposing of stock that is paying so handsomely.

BUSY BRAINS OF INVENTORS

An improved apparatus for the generation of acetylene gas has a hopper in which the calcium carbide is placed in granular form, with an adjustable gate at the lower end, through which the gas falls into the water, and the gas pressure regulating the position of the gate.

An improved electric lamp has a pencil of refractory material suspended inside the bulb and wound in the form of a helix, the passage of the current through the latter heating the pencil and causing it to glow with a white heat.

In a new apparatus for handling goods arranged on shelves the upper half of the shelving is suspended by means of movable guideways, with clutches for pulleys and ropes to slide up and down securing the pulleys to revolving shafts to raise or lower the shelves.

Railroad and street car tracks can be cleaned of snow or dirt by a new apparatus which has a pair of circular brushes running in conjunction with a pair of paddle wheels, the latter cleaning off the heavier portion of the snow and the brushes finishing the work.

For the better defense of large cities from war ships a new system of fortification has been suggested by means of barges from the harbor, with forts located on the outer ends to supply a defensive fire remote from the city.

A Chicago man has designed a life-saving net for use at fires, which is easy for the firemen to support, having an outer grip rope looped at intervals to the rope which supports the net, and keeps

being curved sufficiently to allow the men to grip the rope without binding the hands.

In a new oven thermometer a pointer is connected to a shaft running through the door, with an expandable bar inside which moves the pointer as the heat varies, a damper being set in the door to be opened when the heat increases and lifts the pointer to a certain height.

Street cars are prevented from running into open drawbridges by a Southern's patent safety, which has a wedge-shaped block pivoted on either side of the track which covers connecting blocks on the bridge to swing the blocks over the rails as the draw opens.

A new attachment for sailboats allows the mast to be moved to either end of the boat as the wind shifts, a horizontal arm being pivoted at the forward end of the hull, in the outer end of which the mast is set, with a lever which allows the bar to be shifted to adjust the mast.

A handy lamp-filling attachment for oil cans has a tube extending from the bottom of the can through an air-tight cap, which is pivoted at the end, a second pipe being T-shaped, with an air bulb on the end to force air into the top of the can and drive the oil out.

For automatically throwing the rails of switches a new engine attachment has a beam extending out in front, with tackle for swinging the free end to either rail, with a small wheel at the outer end, which pivoted the beam and forces it into position as the engine moves forward.

To indicate when the contents of a bottle have been partially removed and replaced with a adulterant a central rod is placed in the bottle, with a float mounted on the rod to fall as the contents are poured out, internal pawls engaging notches on the rod to hold the float down when the bottle is refilled.

Corks which have slipped inside bottles can be easily extracted by a newly-designed implement, which has two handles pivoted together to control a pair of elongated paws, which are made of strong steel and are narrow enough to pass through the neck and catch the cork.

To prevent hoisting engines from lifting the cage too far the derrick is provided with a tilting block set in line with one side of the cage, a rod running from the block to the cage, and the cage, to stop the latter when the cage rises high enough to turn the block.

Small insects are automatically caught by the invention of a Maine man, comprising a lamp inclosed in a conical shield and resting in a basin partially filled with a liquid, into which the insects fall after striking against the chimney or shield.

Rain or snow is prevented from heating in under doors by using a newly-patented weather strip, which is pivoted to the door by a wedge-shaped piece, the wedge the outer edge of the strip being raised as the door is shut and falling over the sill to act as a shield.

Two Southerners have patented a dental appliance which absorbs the moisture around a cavity, a piece of spring wire being formed into parallel jaws, which press against the upper and under rows of teeth, with a pad for taking up the space between the tongue and cheeks clear of the cavity.

A Californian has designed an apparatus to aid swimmers in propelling themselves through the water, having a pair of sandals provided with hinged wings and parachutes to surround each leg, the apparatus opening to afford resistance to the water at each backward stroke.

Bicycle lamps can be easily lighted by a new German device, shaped like a revolver, with an arm hinged to the under side of the stock to project beyond the handle, and a switch which is held in line with the end of the barrel to be ignited by the explosion of a cartridge in the gun.

A combination beer glass and bottle has been patented by a Missourian, having threaded caps on the top and bottom of the bottle, the one at the bottom being unscrewed and attached to the top when the bottom of the bottle forms the rim of the glass.

Four-in-hand and other ties can be quickly placed around the collar by means of a new holding device, which is formed of a central screw, around which the tie is formed, with arms on either side covered by the tie ends and forming a spring yoke.

To hold an umbrella over a person and leave the arms free a new supporting apparatus has a rod provided with clamps for the handle of the umbrella with two pairs of spring arms, which are curved over the back and around the waist to hold the rod in place.

Growing plants can be treated to force their growth by a Florida man's apparatus, which has a hydraulic ram to force water from a tank and stream from a boiler through sprinkler pipes suspended over the plants, the steam warming the water to the proper temperature.

The legs of tables can be made to stand solidly on an uneven floor by using the invention of an Iowa man, which has a central screw-threaded stem, provided with a revolving collar, which presses against the end of the leg and is raised or lowered to adjust it.

To allow life-preservers to be stored in small compass on a ship a Canadian has designed an air cell of small size to be inserted in one side of a flat belt, the latter being inflated and folded in a small space, with a valve to allow air to flow into it from the compression chamber.

For use in writing and translating secret messages a new instrument has been designed, consisting of a series of disks of different size arranged on a central pivot pin, with figures and numbers on the edges of the disks, to be brought into conjunction and form the key to the cipher.

Ashes can be conveniently handled by a new combination ash-box and shovel, which has one side hinged to drop into a horizontal position and be used as a scoop to take up the ashes, after which the side is raised to close the opening and prevent the ashes spilling.

The combination of suspenders and belt has been patented by a Connecticut man, the two main straps being connected at the rear by a ring, with the loops secured by detachable clips straightened out to form the belt.

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BUILDING MATERIAL SCARCE.

Plans for New Buildings in Richmond and Other Virginia Cities—West-over to be Improved by Its New Owner—Building Notes.

The Architects and Builders Journal of Baltimore prints the following interesting building notes from its Richmond correspondent:

The architects of Richmond are meeting an unusual demand for estimates and plans for new buildings. The new structures being planned indicate that the large amount of building that was inaugurated during the last half of 1899 will be exceeded in the first half of 1900. The increase in the price of building material, and partly on account of the scarcity of structural necessities has interfered with or in some cases caused the abandonment of enterprises already entered and decided upon. Plans that were made a few months ago have, in some instances had to be modified to meet increased prices in materials, and architects find that they have to adapt themselves to changed conditions to meet the wants of their patrons.

CONCRETE BLOCKS.
Work will commence on the powerhouse of the Virginia Electrical and Construction Company in March. The building will be constructed of artificial stone, which is made of cement and crushed granite. About thirty blocks of this stone are made a day and three thousand of these will be made before work commences.

Plans have been completed for a warehouse in this city for Charles E. Hunter, manufacturer of agricultural implements. It will be 47-1-2x143 and will cost \$12,000. Albert F. Hunt is the architect. Mr. Hunt has also drawn plans for a retail grocery store at the corner of Main and 10th streets, to be built by the Mercantile Co. of Manchester. This will cost \$15,000.

William and Mary College at Williamsburg is to have a new gymnasium. It will be built of brick and roofed with slate and will cost about \$30,000. M. J. Dimmock is the architect. The contract is yet to be awarded.

DANVILLE IMPROVEMENTS.
Among the most notable of the industrial plants recently inaugurated in Danville is a new wrapper factory of the Continental Tobacco Company, which is the plug branch of the American Tobacco Company. The new factory, which was recently completed, and now begun operations, is a massive three-story brick structure, fronting on Lynn street, and is 80x190 feet in dimensions.

An effort is being made by the Business Men's Association of Danville to induce the American Tobacco Company to locate a cigar factory in this city. It is said that the American officials are favorably considering Danville for such a plant and will locate there if advantageous freight rates can be secured.

The new Jewish synagogue at the same place, handsome two-story brick structure, surmounted by a tower, is about completed.

William C. West, of this city, is preparing plans for a dwelling in the west-end of the city, near the corner of 10th and 11th streets. The house will be a frame house with a slate roof and will cost about \$2,000. Mr. West is also preparing plans for a dwelling for H. H. Cannon on west Franklin street. This will be built of brick with brown stone trimmings and will cost about \$10,000.

WESTOVER.
Westover, the famous old mansion, the home of William Byrd, the founder of Richmond, has been sold. The purchaser is Mrs. Charles H. Harrold, of Santa Fe, Cal. Westover is situated on James river and is one of the handsomest of the old colonial mansions; the brick used in building having been brought over from England. Many restorations and improvements will take place under the new owner.

Plans have been completed for a residence in Fredericksburg for Mr. Fleming Bailey. This will be a frame structure with brick foundation and the style is colonial. It will be situated with all modern conveniences of heating, electric wiring, etc. Cost \$10,000. M. J. Dimmock architect. The contract is yet to be awarded.

MOCK MARRIAGE.

An Entertainment of Merriment in Gloucester.

GLoucester, Va., Feb. 1-Special.—The members of the Gloucester Literary Society which met this week in the recitory were much interested in an original story read by the Rev. G. D. C. Butts. After the meeting adjourned some of the pupils of the Gloucester Academy entertained the assembly with a mock marriage, in which figured the bride, Miss Snodgrass (Mrs. Nell Reed), the groom, Mr. Dolittle (Mr. Walter Greyson, of New York), the parson, Mr. Albert Rodgers (Mr. Marion Groves). The affair was very ludicrous and called forth peals of laughter.

This has been a time of marrying and giving in marriage in Gloucester, and the presence of the two brides, Mrs. W. Snowden Hopkins and Mrs. Henry O. Lenders, in the recitory has brightened up the winter immensely, and now, on dit, the wedding bells will soon ring again, and then Miss Pearl Leamore, of Gloucester, and Mr. McLeuch, of Newport News, will be married in Abington church on the 21st of February.

Mr. William Thurston, of Lansdowne, is in Richmond.

Hon. and Mrs. Joseph Washington, of Tennessee, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Withers, at Severnby, will leave for Washington to-morrow. This is Mrs. Washington's first visit to Gloucester since as Miss Mary Kimber, of Clifford, she was universally admired.

Major L. S. Talliaferro is in Richmond. Mrs. R. P. Talliaferro is in Petersburg, the guest of Mrs. Le Moyne.

Miss Sally Thompson, of Newstead, the guest of the Misses Tabb.

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ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Real estate.....\$41,324 61	Reserve, actuarial, 4 per cent.\$741,232 00
Mortgage loans on real estate.....509,032 10	Including special reserve.....14,300 00
Loans on collateral.....48,574 13	Death losses reported but not due.....14,300 00
Loans on company's policies.....12,001 56	All other liabilities.....3,860 40
Bonds and stocks.....115,241 81	Total.....\$769,221 40
Cash in banks and office.....\$4,610 88	
Bills receivable.....9,485 58	
Interest and rents due and accrued.....21,459 54	
Market value of real estate over book value.....13,723 39	
Net uncollected and deferred premiums.....111,020 86	
Gross assets.....\$996,538 48	
Deduct assets not admitted and ledger liabilities.....5,878 44	Surplus to policy-holders.....\$231,438 64
Total admitted assets.....\$990,660 04	Total.....\$990,660 04

THIRTEEN YEARS' GROWTH.

PREMIUM INCOME.	
1887.....\$99,566 00	
1888.....\$127,040 00	
1889.....\$151,571 00	
1890.....\$234,547 00	
1891.....\$395,447 67	
1892.....\$475,520 24	
1893.....\$546,151 15	
1894.....\$551,794 51	
1895.....\$591,380 56	
1896.....\$712,931 92	
1897.....\$752,214 87	
1898.....\$852,409 03	
1899.....\$937,900 79	

Gross Income, 1899, - - - \$935,225.91
INSURANCE IN FORCE.....\$22,556,471.00
Total Number Policies in Force.....222,564

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DURING 1899.
INCREASE IN NUMBER POLICIES IN FORCE.....24,759
INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF INSURANCE IN FORCE.....\$1,860,547 00
DEATH CLAIMS, DIVIDENDS, ETC., PAID.....\$403,044 96

Total Payments to Policy Holders Since Organization.....\$3,568,801.00
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The coming reunion, judging from the number of societies, promises to surpass all other such meetings. The chairman, with others of the faculty, will be present. Besides the alumni, a number of distinguished guests have been invited. The following committees have the reunion in charge: Committee of Arrangements—Mr. W. H. Saunders, Dr. L. W. Glazebrook, and Mr. Clarence Thomas. Committee on Invitation—Mr. Thomas Nelson Pace, Cuzenove Lee, and Mr. N. A. Tyler, Jr. All alumni of the university are cordially invited to be present.—Washington Post.

Jests and Jingles.
WHAT DID SHE MEAN?
Mr. Marryatt—I see old Goldman leaves an estate of more than \$3,000,000. Don't you wish you were his widow?
Mrs. Marryatt—No, dear; I'd rather be yours.

DECIDEDLY UNIQUE.
Editor-in-Chief—I understand young Biugore, the millionaire's son, has gone in for journalism.
City Editor—Yes, he's on my staff.
Editor-in-Chief—And what do you think of him?
City Editor—Well, he's a unique figure in journalism.

Editor-in-Chief—You don't say?
City Editor—Yes, he's at once the richest and poorest reporter in the city.

RETURNED WITH THANKS.
The poetaster's chase for pelf is generally hard.
For though a hard he thinks himself, it is his verse that's barred.

USUALLY LIQUID.
Wigg—Do you mean to tell me he's dying through the use of liquor?
Vagg—That's what I said.
Wigg—Why, then, is he not dead? The man looks younger than ever he did.
Vagg—Certainly, and the hair-dye he uses to make him look so youthful is a liquor, isn't it?

STILL THEY COME.
A FABLE.
Once upon a Time a Great Boor said to Small Boor:

"You appear to have a Great Deal of Gold about You. Now such a Display of Wealth is Barbaric. I propose to take it away from You that You may be Civilized."

Thereupon the Small Boor replied: "It seems to me your kindly intention lacks consistency."

"True!" retorted the other, "but 'Consistency' is a Jewel, and as I said before, Jewels are Valuable."

MORAL.—Of what use is a Solitaire Diamond Shirt stud to a Man with Long Whiskers.

THE ORIGIN OF IT.
Who was most wondrous wise, In setting forth his thoughts sublime Used ten founts of I's.

Then, finding that his I's were out, Used V's and C's.

That's why we have to-day, no doubt, The editorial "